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City Council Fails to Get Over The Speed Humps on Northway

by Diane Oberg

After listening to three hours of discussion on December 16 about the speed humps on Northway between Hillside and Crescent Roads, Councilmember Edward Putens noted the lack of public consensus on whether the humps should stay or go. By his tally, 31 people had spoken: 15 supported the humps, 15 opposed them and one had not stated a clear position. In addition, Sue Krofchik, of 2 court Northway, presented a petition with 343 signatures asking that the humps be removed and a master plan for traffic calming be developed that treats all areas of the city equally. Later in the meeting Mayor Antoinette Bram noted that council does not make its decisions by the numbers for or against, but instead based upon what is best for the citizens.

One technical issue had become clear, however — the humps did not permit most motorists to cross them at anything close to the posted speed limit. This provided the basis for Putens' motion to extend the speed hump experiment on Northway for another year after Director of Public Works Carl Hirsch modifies the humps to permit drivers to go over them at 20 mph. The motion was unanimously approved by the full Greenbelt City Council.

The positions voiced by those citizens who spoke at the meeting ranged from Keith Jahoda's "I've never met a traffic calming approach I didn't like" to Barbara Steven's charge that the humps have effectively closed off Northway to Mark Davis's message of "don't mess with success." Although Ridge Road residents Jahoda and Stevens took different positions, most of the speakers in favor of the humps lived on Northway and Woodland Way and most who lived elsewhere opposed the humps.

The Shape of Things to Come?

The councilmembers denied that installation of the humps on Northway constituted "special treatment" of a small group of citizens, as charged by some speakers. Instead, the humps are an experiment, they said. Since the humps were installed, council and staff have begun working on a citywide "traffic calming plan" that could incorporate speed humps, roundabouts and other devices to force drivers to slow down. Councilmembers Thomas White and Judith Davis both noted that speed humps and other traffic calming devices "will be irritating." Davis expressed hope that humps will not be necessary given other traffic calming options. Several councilmembers encouraged citizens to participate when further traffic calming measures are discussed.

It was the fear of proliferation that worried some hump opponents. Ted Kowaluk of Ridge Road, a planner for Takoma Park, feared Greenbelt could follow the example of that city, where speed humps have proliferated. Janice Reyes of Hillside Road wrote council supporting the humps and asking for humps on Hillside to combat speeding there. Even Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who had been an early supporter of the Northway humps, said that he would not want to see speed humps "proliferate all over," though he noted that he would not mind a few humps at stop signs.

Full House

The overflow crowd got a little testy at times. Mayor Bram had to remind the crowd a few times not to get into debates with the speakers. After Davis (President of the Woodland Hills Community Association who led the charge for the humps' installation) and Mary Ellen Fields noted that more pedestrians were now walking down Northway.

"...the concept of traffic calming has become more acceptable nationwide."

—Michael McLaughlin,
City Manager

one member of the audience commented that "it must be nice to have no cars on your street." Phillip Brandis, of Hillside Road, answered the question the mayor had asked several anti-hump speakers as to why slowing down for the humps was such a problem, saying "it's just plain damn irritating." And, there was a fair amount of backtalk in the crowd, especially as the night wore on.

At one point, the mayor asked "that you give nonemotional statements, that the statements...do not address council personally and do not challenge the council's decision. We're working on a new decision tonight."

In return, a few speakers chided the mayor about how the meeting was run. Joe Wilkinson, joked "Do you realize it's past my bedtime?" Jack Maffay said that speakers were allowed to speak too long and that the comments were not always directed to the topic at hand. The mayor noted several times during the meeting that, although council's standing rules limit speakers to three minutes, those rules have never been enforced during the time that she has been on council (including under previous mayors).

Major Issues

The main issues and concerns raised by speakers opposing the humps were 1) was there really a speeding problem on Northway prior to installation of the speed humps, 2) were Northway citizens receiving special treatment, and 3) was traffic being diverted onto adjacent streets. Some speakers also complained that council had not included them in the discussions prior to installing the speed humps in 1994. However, Putens noted that when the decision was being made opponents of the humps "never showed up."

Those supporting the humps generally expressed 1) their concerns about the pre-hump speeds on Northway, 2) their pleasure at the current situation and 3) a feeling that it was no problem to slow down for the humps.

Was There a Problem?

Several hump opponents reminded council that several police studies prior to installation of the humps showed that there was not a consistent speeding problem. A 1993 study showed that most vehicles drove between 23 and 29 mph on the road (with a 25 mph speed limit), with top speed mostly in the 30's but with one driver clocked at 41 mph.

A memo from Planning Director Celia Wilson compared pre- and post-hump speeds. Opponents cited the observation that even before installation of the humps, the average speed on the road was 25.1 mph — consistent with the posted speed. After the humps, speeds now average 21.9 mph. Hump proponents focussed more on the "95th percentile speed." This is the speed at or below which 95 percent of vehicles travel. The 95th percentile speed on Northway has dropped from 29 mph to 25 mph.

Northway residents, however, argued that the study speeds were not representative of true traffic behavior since drivers slow down when officers are present. Leah and Jordan Choper both recalled accidents in which their parked vehicles were hit by motorists, including one five-car accident that even damaged a car parked in their driveway. Leah Choper also argued

See SPEED HUMPS, page 5

State Delegates Here

The Annual Greenbelt Open Door Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11 from 9-11 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of the municipal building. This is an opportunity for the citizens of the 23rd District to meet and talk to their representatives, Senator Leo Green, Delegates Mary Conroy, James Hubbard and Joan Pitkin. The 23rd District Delegation looks forward to a large turnout and hearing from their constituents.

Recycling Collection Changes to Wednesday

Beginning Wednesday, January 15, every City refuse customer's recycling collection day will be on Wednesday. There will be no Tuesday or Thursday collections on January 14 and 16 and thereafter. Public Works employees will begin collections at 7 a.m. so please have all recyclables out before this time. Residents in Boxwood, Lakewood, Lakeside, Belle Point, Greenbrook Estates, Greenspring I and II are reminded to have mixed paper, cans and bottles at the curb prior to 7 a.m. each Wednesday. GHI residents are requested to put yellow bins and mixed paper in an accessible location within three feet of the curb's main sidewalk to avoid missed setouts. Charlestowne Village residents can continue to use the toter containers at their convenience and the bins will be emptied on Wednesdays.

Condominium Ventures has negotiated a new contract for residents in Windsor Green, Greenbrook Village and Greenwood Village — Thursday recycling collections will continue in these areas. Call Condominium Ventures at 301-441-1070 for

more information.

Yard debris collection is scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month along with appliances beginning January 8. Yard debris collections for January 15 and January 22 will not occur. This schedule of once per month yard debris collections will be in effect through March when the situation will be reevaluated. Continue to call Public Works at 301-474-8004 to schedule yard debris and appliance pick ups.

These changes are a result of the City releasing A.B. Consolidated from its contractual obligation to collect recyclables in the City of Greenbelt on Thursday, December 19, 1996. A.B. Consolidated breached the contract on a number of occasions including failing to complete collections, piling paper for many hours before making pickups and using improper collection vehicles. Since then, Public Works employees have been collecting recyclables on the regularly scheduled set out days.

For more information on City of Greenbelt Recycling, call Jennifer Foley, Recycling Coordinator at 301-474-8308.

Upcoming County Council Session Will Be Full

by James Giese

State legislation is the needed cure to a dispute between County Executive Wayne Curry and the Prince George's County Council. In late December Curry vetoed his first piece of council legislation, a bill to require developers to meet an Adequate Public Facilities (APF) test for public schools in order for the county to approve new housing developments. Although Curry said that he supported the aims of the bill, it is his opinion that the bill is illegal, until state legislation is enacted. Presently the state legislature has prohibited the county from imposing a public facilities test if the county imposes a surcharge on every unit of new construction to be used for schools. The County Council appears to want it both ways, collecting a surcharge and requiring development to meet an adequate public facilities test.

Councilmembers have criticized Curry for making the veto, although they recognize that their bill, which was passed by an 8-0 vote, conflicts with state law. Some of the members have indicated that they will seek to override the veto at the January 7 council meeting. It is their contention that Curry should have allowed the bill to become law, but not enforced it until the legislature amended the existing law.

Curry, on the other hand, was concerned that the bill's enactment would lead to litigation that would unnecessarily require the expenditure of county resources.

"I should not approve legislation which cannot be enforced and which further complicates an area of such significance and importance," he told Council Chair Dorothy F. Bailey.

Other Legislation

According to Councilmember Audrey Scott, who represents the district that includes Greenbelt, lifting the APF prohibition is only one of the items on the county's legislative agenda for the upcoming session to begin this month. Of greatest concern to library advocates is the need for continuation of the state's \$2 million dollar annual grant for library funding. Although this money has been granted by the legislature for the past two years, Scott notes that there is general opposition to this kind of special grant, especially one-time grants that develop a life of their own. Scott also reports that many in the legislature have stated that they do not feel any compunction to help Prince George's County since its residents did not care enough to help themselves by repealing TRIM.

The county executive has requested legislation to eliminate sunset provisions on authorizations for the county to levy the energy tax and an increase in the transfer tax first made in 1984. Both authorizations have been extended on a year-to-year basis since 1989 in order to respond to "emergencies."

The Consolidated Transportation Plan is also being followed. See COUNTY COUNCIL, page 12

What Goes On

Tue., Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m., Special meeting, GHI Board of Directors, Hamilton Place.

Thurs., Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board of Directors Meeting, Hamilton Place

7:30 p.m. GEAC Meeting, Greenbriar Community Room

Enforce 3 Minute Rule

As Mayor Antoinette Bram explained several times during the December 16 city council meeting, council's standing rules limit speakers to three minutes. However, she noted that during her tenure (both as a councilmember and as mayor) this rule has never been enforced. We think it is time for the mayor and council to reconsider this procedure.

Allowing speakers to continue for as long as they wish has several unfortunate consequences. First, it can lead to extremely long meetings, especially on hot topics where many people turn out. Allowing the first speakers to make extended remarks can deprive other speakers of the opportunity to have equal impact in expressing their opinions by causing the meeting to run longer than people can stay. Even those who have spoken generally want to stick around to see what council does, if the meeting doesn't drag on.

Having and enforcing time limits would force speakers to concentrate on their most important concerns. And, when there are multiple agenda items for which citizens, lawyers, staff or others are present, rambling discussions impose an unreasonable burden upon those present for other issues.

Finally, not enforcing council's written rules opens up the mayor and council to charges of not treating all citizens equally. When the mayor only occasionally enforces the time limit (or at least asks the speaker to wrap it up soon), it can appear that the mayor is treating the speaker unfairly.

The perception of fairness would also be enhanced if council would forgo interrupting speakers. Interrupting only certain speakers with questions or challenges to their positions can give the appearance of favoring some speakers over others. Appearing before council can be intimidating enough for those not used to public speaking. Council should not add to citizens' discomfort by interrupting speakers (unless they've spoken too long). Questions, when needed, should be asked after the citizen's comments.

While we believe that three minutes should be adequate for comment on most issues, council could set a slightly longer time limit if they feel it is necessary. We urge council to review its rules on time limits, revise them if needed, and then enforce them equally to all speakers.

Eating Disorders

Support Group Meets

Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park sponsors an "Eating Disorders Support Group." This support group is designed for individuals with eating disorders and their families and friends. The group meets on the first four Saturdays of each month, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more information call 1-800-542-5096.

See Watkins Park's Festival of Lights

A major event of the Prince George's County Tricentennial, the 10th Annual Winter Festival of Lights at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, will remain open through January 5. This year's festival, which boasts a lighted tricentennial logo and several new light displays, uses more than 300,000 colored lights. The festival is open seven days a week from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Entry to the festival is free; however, donations of canned goods are accepted and distributed to area shelters and church pantries.

This event is sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County. The Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to accommodating individuals with disabilities.

For more information call the recording at 301-699-2545; TTY 301-699-2544; or access <http://www.smart.net/~parksrec/> on the Internet.



County Democrats Elect Officers

The Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee at a meeting on December 17 elected its officers who will serve for the next two years. Sheila C. Jackson, who represents the 26th Legislative District, is the new chair. Donald G. Beach, representing the 23rd Legislative District, returns for another term as first vice-chair. Alice Mahan, of the 24th Legislative District, was elected second vice-chair. Gregory J. Dyson, from the 21st Legislative District, and the newest member of the committee, was elected treasurer and Mary Davis, representing the 24th Legislative District, was elected secretary.

These new leaders stressed party unity and greater participatory democracy as goals. All Prince George's citizens are invited to attend monthly meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at party headquarters, 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland.

Recycling Day is now Wednesday

for all City refuse customers*
starting Wednesday, January 15, 1997

- Have all materials out for collection by 7:00 am each Wednesday. Call 474-8308 for recycling information.
- Yard waste and appliances will be collected the last Wednesday of the month *only* starting January 15th. Call 474-8004 for pick ups.

* Windsor Green, Greenbrook Village and Greenwood Village recycling collections will continue to be on Thursdays. Call your homeowners' association for more information.

Thanks Northway Petition Signers

Thank you to the 343 people who signed the petition to remove speed humps from the Woodland Hills part of Northway. Council has heard part of what you said, and has decided to reshape the speed humps so that cars can drive over them without having to come to stops before each bump. Had you not signed the petition, the Council would have left the speed humps as they are. Council is now calling the speed humps a "pilot project" and they will be reevaluated one year after they have been modified.

Part of what you said, unfortunately, was not heard. As a whole, the Council apparently had no idea that anyone would feel Woodland Hills got special treatment. They appear to remain very sensitive to the Woodland Hills "perception" of speeding, despite four police studies to the contrary and seven city staff recommendations against speed humps. It concerns me that the Council remains so totally insensitive to your perception of special treatment for Woodland Hills. Council refused to acknowledge you could legitimately feel that way or that over 300 people could have been affected by what they did in Woodland Hills. The three people who had taken the time to review city files and prepare typed remarks were not allowed to deliver their full, prepared remarks. These three people spoke for the removal of speed humps. As the saying goes, Council just didn't get it.

The petition signers fell into three general categories: those opposed to speed humps in general; those who like speed humps but are opposed to special interest groups; and those who felt Woodland Hills got special treatment that their areas cannot get. About 325 of the signers live in the area affected by the speed humps; about 20 people live elsewhere in GHI, but heard about the petition and signed to show their support.

One councilmember commented that no one mentioned speed humps during the campaign season. Perhaps, then, it would help the Council if you would share your opinions with

them when they do their next campaigns this coming October/November. Council needs to hear all of your message. Thanks again; you made a difference.

Suzanne J. Krofchik

Honor Picket Line

The strike by Teamsters Local 639 against Giant offers several lessons in labor economics, most of which I do not address. An unexpected lesson, however, is often available to observant citizens who come in through the rear entry. Deliveries are being made in semi-trailers that are driven by replacement workers drawn from management or elsewhere. It does not require a rocket scientist or a professional driver to see that these are very expensive deliveries because these unskilled drivers (a) require substantial extra time to reach the loading dock, (b) create excess wear and tear through the repeated back and forth attempts to back into the loading dock, and (c) increase the risk of accident and damage to either truck or nearby landscaping. The striking drivers have important skills. Please offer your support by stopping at Giant to let the members of Local 639 know that you are honoring their picket line.

Keith Jahoda

Postcards Wanted

I am studying the State of Maryland in my 5th grade Social Studies class. I would like to receive post cards from your state. If you could help cover our wall with postcards I would appreciate it and we would learn a lot about your state.

Thank you.

Maggie Goin

Mrs. Black's Class

Stephenville Int School

926 N. Clinton

Stephenville, Texas 76401

Thanks

The 1996 Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club wishes to thank the Mayor, PRAB, the Public Works Dept., the Greenbelt Recreation Dept., the University of Maryland Cheerleading Staff, Volunteer Commissioners, Coaches, High School Students, Parents and Friends for their support this year.

President, Ava Ramey; Vice President, Frank Wheeler; Secretary, Kathy Kerdock; Treasurer, Jeff Williams; Registrar, Mel Scites; and Eleana Brooks (Awards chair), Margo Datcher (Rules chair), James Green, Marion Holland, Fran Raynor, Kathy Sciannella (Publicity chair); Barbara Osborne (Budget chair); Bridget Osborne (Ways & Means chair); and Mary Wade (Family Involvement chair).

Hard of Hearing Have Self-help Group

The newly formed Prince George's County group of Self Help for the Hard of Hearing will meet on Thursday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bowie City Hall.

The topic for discussion is "Coping Skills." Participants will share ways to improve speech discrimination in one-on-one or group situations. Also on the agenda is planning a visit to learn more about assisted listening devices.

For further information or directions to Bowie City Hall call 301-474-0345 or 301-262-8174.

Correction

In the photo caption on the front page of last week's paper, Emory Harman should have been identified as past president of the Greenbelt Lions Club.

Also credit for the photo should have gone to Betty Maffay.

The News Review regrets the errors.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

Author Ellis Cose Speaks at Library

Ellis Cose will discuss his new book, *Color-Blind: Seeing Beyond Race in a Race-Obsessed World*, on Friday, January 10, 7 p.m., at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. The program is free and open to the public.

In *Color-Blind*, Cose offers a provocative, non-partisan look at race in America. Spanning the entire political spectrum, he draws on the work of educators, journalists, authors, doctors, sociologists and politicians as he lays out the parameters of a debate whose "gray areas" confound even the most distinguished thinkers.

Cose also looks at the experiences of cultures in Central and South America, the Caribbean, and post-apartheid South Africa as they deal with similar problems and attitudes. *Color-Blind* concludes with a look at how blatant racism is being replaced by subtle discrimination practiced by people who don't believe they are prejudiced, and why society has such difficulty carrying out a meaningful national dialogue on race.

Ellis Cose is a contributing editor for *Newsweek* magazine and former chairman of the editorial board and editorial page editor of the *New York Daily News*. Cose has also written for *Time* magazine, *USA Today*, and the *Detroit Free Press*, and is the author of *The Rage of a Privileged Class*.

Cose's appearance is at the beginning of a twelve-city tour and is sponsored by Vertigo Books of Washington, D.C. The author will be available after the talk to answer questions and sign his book, which will be available for purchase. The program is being co-sponsored by the New Deal Cafe. Participants of the library program are invited and encouraged to go to the Cafe afterward for music and coffee.

For information on this, or other library programs and services, call 301-699-3500.

60th Anniversary Committee Meets

The next committee meeting of Greenbelt's 60th Anniversary Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the large classroom of the Community Center.

All committee chairs and representatives of all sections of the city, churches, groups, etc. are requested to attend.

If there is need for more information or any questions, please call Emory A. Harman, 474-5156.

At the Library

Poetry Plus, a poetry discussion program for adults on Saturday, January 4, at 10:30 a.m. Selections from Robert Frost and Maya Angelou.

P.J. Storytime for ages four to six at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8.

Drop-In Storytime for ages three to five at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 9.

Ellis Cose, author of *Color-Blind: Seeing Beyond Race in a Race-obsessed World*, will lead a discussion session at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 10.

For more information on these or other programs, call the library at 301-345-5800.

Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

Golden Agers will meet on Wednesday, January 8, at 11 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. The monthly business meeting will be held plus installation of the Club's 1997 slate of officers.

Many thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done: President, Bud Hinson; 1st V.P., Mary Gardner; 2nd V.P., Ellie Rimar; Recording Secretary, Rachel Algaze; Corresponding Secretary, Pearl Siegel; and Treasurer, Margaret Graham. Thanks, too, to all the committee chairpersons who served during 1996.

The spring schedule of Golden Age trips, as prepared by Jim Maher, is now available. Be sure to read it over and sign up while there are still openings.

Stay well and come out to the meeting.

Fun at Goddard

Model rocket enthusiasts of all ages are invited to blast off on Sunday, January 5, at the Goddard Visitor Center. Learn the principles of rocketry and watch model rockets soar through the air. Bring rockets to launch or just watch the fun. Launches are monitored for safety. In case of inclement weather, call 301-286-8981 to verify the event.

A star-studded evening is planned for Saturday, January 11. Starting at 7 p.m., a two-hour tour of the winter sky begins and includes stops at the Orion Nebula, the Pleiades, Saturn, and many more. Bring a telescope and binoculars or use the Visitor Center telescope to view the stars. Stargazing is held weather permitting and first-time star gazers are welcome.

The Visitor Center is located on Explorer Road, near the intersection of Soil Conservation and Greenbelt Roads. For more information, call 301-286-8981 (voice) or 301-286-8103 (TDD).

County Genealogical Society to Meet

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Public Library, 11 Crescent Road. The meeting is free and open to the public. The topic will be "Show and Tell" by members and guests.



The New Deal is a volunteer run cafe serving wholesome entrees, homemade desserts, and gourmet coffees and teas.

Open Fri-Sat, 6-11pm
Music begins 8:30 pm - No cover

Fri, Jan. 3 - Jon Johnson
Electronic New Age music

Sat, Jan. 4 - Koolrockin' Daddies
Music from high school

Greenbelt Community Center,
474-5642



Roland Forbes leads Greenbelt folk dancers at the Youth Center.
- photo by Sharon Natoli

Greenbelters Invited To Folk Dance Party

by Jeri Holloway

Interested in a one-night tour of many European Lands? Suffering from the holiday letdown and need something to lift spirits on a cold winter night? The answer is a no-cost International Folk Dance Party at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Friday, January 10, from 8-10 p.m.

One can experience dances from numerous locations throughout the world that will be taught by Roland Forbes—local folk dance legend. Beginners as well as advanced dancers

will feel welcomed at this party. No partners are needed, but comfortable dance shoes are a must. This free session will give everyone a taste of the regular Friday night dance class that will begin on January 17. Registration is ongoing through the Greenbelt Recreation Department for the eight-week session or one can register at the dance party on January 10.

For more information and pictures, point one's Web browser to the "Folk Dance" link at "<http://COCYG.org/user/alxndr>" or call the Recreation Department at 301/397-2200.

Plan to join the Greenbelt Folk Dancers for a fun evening of dance on January 10.

Caregiver Support Holds Meeting

The Caregiver's Support Group will hold a meeting open to the community Tuesday, Jan. 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Adult Care Center of the Community Center. Light refreshments will be served.

The Support Group will help caregivers to share experiences and frustrations and develop practical coping skills. A complimentary copy of "Caring for the Caregiver" is available. Respite care is available during the meeting.

The group meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. Call Beverly Long for more information at (301) 507-6590.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

474-9744

WEEK OF JANUARY 3
All Seats \$5.00

The English Patient (R)

Fri: 7:45

Sat. & Sun:

(4:45 All seats \$3.00

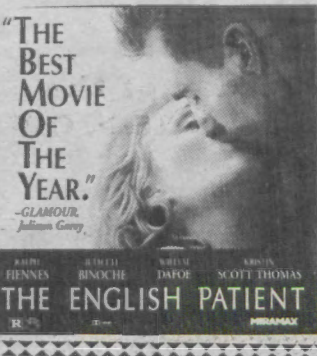
7:45

Mon: (All seats \$3.00)

7:30

Tue-Thurs:

7:30



T'ai Chi Practices

The public is invited to free, hour-long, community T'ai Chi practices at the Greenbelt Community Center on Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, January 11, 9:30 a.m. and a Ch'i Kung practice on Tuesday, January 7, 7:30 p.m. No experience is necessary.

Both T'ai Chi and Ch'i Kung are classic Chinese exercises for health. Ch'i Kung exercises, which generally have more repetition than T'ai Chi, are thus a little easier to learn. Both Ch'i Kung and T'ai Chi work with the same internal energy or life force (ch'i) that is manipulated by acupuncture. These practices will provide an introduction for those interested in learning more about these arts, as well as a good work-out for people who have practiced T'ai Chi in the past.

The practices will consist of very simple, slow, graceful, natural movements that anyone can easily do. Benefits of the regular practice of these exercises can be found in areas of relaxation, health, self defense and spiritual growth. Some of the current studies of T'ai Chi and its value for stress reduction and for improving mental focus will be discussed.

Classes will begin the following week at the same times as the practice sessions. This will be the last opportunity until next fall for beginners to start T'ai Chi at the Community Center. Class sizes are limited, so early registration is recommended. For further registration information, contact the Community center at 301-397-2208.

The Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to Post Office)

presents

an evening of gospel music featuring

The Mt. Nebo Gospel Singers

Saturday, January 4, 1997 8 P.M.

AND LATER IN JANUARY

The Greenbelt Arts Center

&

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

Invite you to be part of history in 1997

Greenbelt isn't just another suburb;
It's Part of our Nation's History

Get a Ticket & See
Maryland Special Project No. 1:
THE GREENBELT STORY



An Original Play about an Original Town
Written & Directed by Daniel Young
Funded by Gilbert & Jaylee Mead Family Foundation

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum opening night
performance and reception, Friday night, January 10.
City of Greenbelt gala reception following the performance
on Saturday night, January 11.

•Weekends, January 10-February 1st
•Friday & Saturday evenings, 8pm •Sunday Matinees, 2pm (January 19 & 26)
•\$8/\$6 seniors, students •Group rates available
For more information: call 441-8770

Young Musicians Invited to Compete

The National Symphony Orchestra invites high school instrumentalists and college instrumentalists and vocalists to participate in the NSO Young Soloists' Competition. Applications must be postmarked by January 10 for the college division and by January 17 for high school applicants. Winners of this competition will perform as soloists with the National Symphony Orchestra in a concert to be determined by the NSO.

The competition is designed to encourage and foster the development of young performing artists in the Washington metropolitan area. After completing a preliminary audition, each finalist will perform during a public concert at the Kennedy Center and will receive the Milton W. King Memorial Certificate, in addition to an invitation to join the Friday Morning Music Club without an audition. Winners will perform with the National Symphony Orchestra and receive a one-year, dues-free membership to the Friday Morning Music Club. For the seventh consecutive year, WETA-FM91 will present the Bill Cerri \$1,000 scholarship for one winner to be selected by the judges.

For more information and application materials, contact the NSO education Program at 202-416-8820.

College Division

High school graduates who are currently studying music in the greater Washington area or who reside in the greater Washington area and study music elsewhere are eligible to apply for the Young Soloists' Competition. Pianists and instrumentalists must not have passed their 23rd birthday, and singers must not have passed their 26th

birthday as of February 2, 1997.

Preliminary auditions will be held on Saturday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater. Instrumental and piano winners of the college division competition will have their performances featured on WQXR radio in New York.

High School Division

Students in grades 10 through 12 who reside in the greater Washington area or study with an instrumental teacher in the greater Washington area are eligible to apply for the Young Soloists' Competition. Preliminary auditions for the high school division will be held on Saturday, February 8. Final auditions, which will be open to the public, will be held on Sunday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Center Opera House.

Children Can Learn About Wild Animals

The animals which live in Greenbelt Park are the subject of a program for children ages 5 to 12. Featured are crafts, slides, and a talk about the animals. Meet at the ranger station on Saturday, January 11, at 11 a.m.



Grandparents crowd the Multipurpose room at Greenbelt Elementary School for the first Grandparents' day.

- photo by Letty Bryce

Grandparents' Day Is a Huge Success

Grandparents and special seniors were honored at Greenbelt Elementary School on November 27. Approximately 150 guests accompanied their special children to class and then to an assembly.

Kindergarten children, directed by Wilma Vazquez and the kindergarten teachers, Ms. Manning, Mrs. Beck and Ms. Dunbar, entertained at morning

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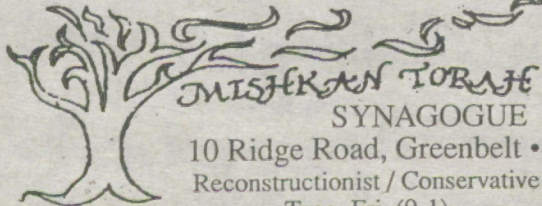
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SPEED HUMPS

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that the humps free up officers to pursue more serious crimes. Jack Maffay said that, if anyone doubted the residents' tales of how fast cars were going — just take out the humps and put a cop in my car in the driveway.

Several speakers noted that installation of the humps was opposed by then City Manager Daniel Hobbs, and by the police, public works and planning departments. The mayor noted that council, not staff, makes the decisions for the good of the citizens, while Davis noted that "sometimes the staff is wrong." Later in the meeting, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that while he did not "want to endorse Councilmember Davis's statement that staff is not always right," the concept of traffic calming has become more acceptable nationwide.

Several speakers called for enforcement, instead of humps. Nick Yesconi, of Plateau Place, argued that the solution is greater enforcement everywhere to get the bad drivers off the road. "I can see" speed humps along the full length of Ridge Road, he said.

What's Wrong with Humps?

Many Northway residents and the mayor raised the issue of why the humps are so objectionable. Several speakers said that the humps had, in effect, closed Northway to traffic from adjacent neighborhoods. Barbara Stevens of Ridge Road said that, although council did not vote to close the road, it is closed off. As a result, she said, Northway residents have an empty street and "we have one less street" to go down. On the other side, Northway resident Leonie Penney praised council for installing the humps, saying that it is finally safe for her to back out of her driveway. Sandy Roberts, of Northway, noting that her children now have a safer environment, asked why residents of other streets felt entitled to cut through the Woodland Hills neighborhood.

Traffic Is Diverted

One major issue is the effect of the humps on surrounding streets. Both sides appeared to agree that there is now less traffic on Northway, although they definitely did not agree on whether that was appropriate. This was supported by Wilson's report, which showed a 29 percent decrease in Northway traffic, a 9 percent increase on Hillside Road traffic volumes and a 12 percent decrease in Greenhill volume (though this was debated by Greenhill resi-

dent Ruth Bond). Average speeds have also increased on both Hillside and Greenhill (by 1.5 mph on Hillside and 2.5 on Greenhill). In addition, Wilson concluded that traffic has been diverted onto other streets as well, since the increase on Hillside (up 166 trips/day) does not offset the declines on Northway (down 230 trips/day) and Greenhill (down 192 trips/day).

Jim Bates of Woodland Way, one of the original Woodland Hills residents, recalled that the community could have made Northway a private road, but did not. However, he noted, it is a narrow road, designed mainly for access to the Woodland Hills homes. He argued that, unlike Northway, Hillside was built as a wide street made to handle high volumes of traffic. Harvey Geller said that the humps serve to distribute traffic in a fairer way than before.

The Mt. Everest of Humps

Councilmember Rodney Roberts pointed the way toward the eventual decision when he asked Bonnie Brant whether she thought the humps were "over engineered." Roberts suggested that the humps force drivers to slow down too much, which adds to motorists' perceptions that they cannot use the street. Brant agreed, calling the Northway humps the "Mt. Everest of humps."

Roberts' question kicked off a round of tales of how fast (or slow) various drivers could cross the humps. Frank Kayser of Woodland Way had the top speed, saying he could cross the humps at 20 mph. Eileen Farnham of Ridge Road knew of the worst — a friend who cannot drive up Northway because the car scrapes the whole length of the hump. She told council, "I don't believe they ought to be there, but if they must, you should be able to do the speed limit."

Kelly Ivy of Ridge Road agreed that the humps are too high; "they'll launch you," he said.

Even the hump supporters noted that cars must slow well below the speed limit to cross the humps. The main issue of disagreement was how much of a problem it is to slow that much. Wilkinson noted that he could take the humps at 15 mph, which "may add five seconds" to his travel time. "I think I can give the city five seconds for safety," he said.

Public Works Director Hirsch reported that the humps, contrary to some preinstallation concerns, had not interfered with snow plows or emergency equipment, other than one plow which he said was going too



Kindergarten children sing for their grandparents and other special seniors at Greenbelt Elementary's first Grandparents' day. On the far left is kindergarten teacher Joyce Beck, sitting in front of the children is kindergarten teacher Anza Manning.

- photo by Letty Bryce

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School Chamber Choir and Women's Choir, who were chosen with three other area groups to perform in the Ninth Annual Choral Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 13 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Dr. Barbara Baker conducts the group.

Scott and Cindy Luddy, previously of Hillside Rd., are the proud parents of a baby boy. Troy Robert was born Nov. 24 at Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, VA. The baby's father grew up in Greenbelt on Lastner Lane and was a long time lifeguard at Greenbelt pool.

Proud grandparents are Paula and Robert Luddy of Lastner Lane. Uncle Shawn Luddy now lives in Perry Hall.

fast.

This consensus that the humps prevent cars from traveling at the speed limit, provided a specific problem that council could address, leading to Putens' motion and the eventual conclusion of the discussion, at least for a year. In the end, however, White noted that the core of the problem is "our behavior." Putens added that the problem is "not outsiders, it's you all."

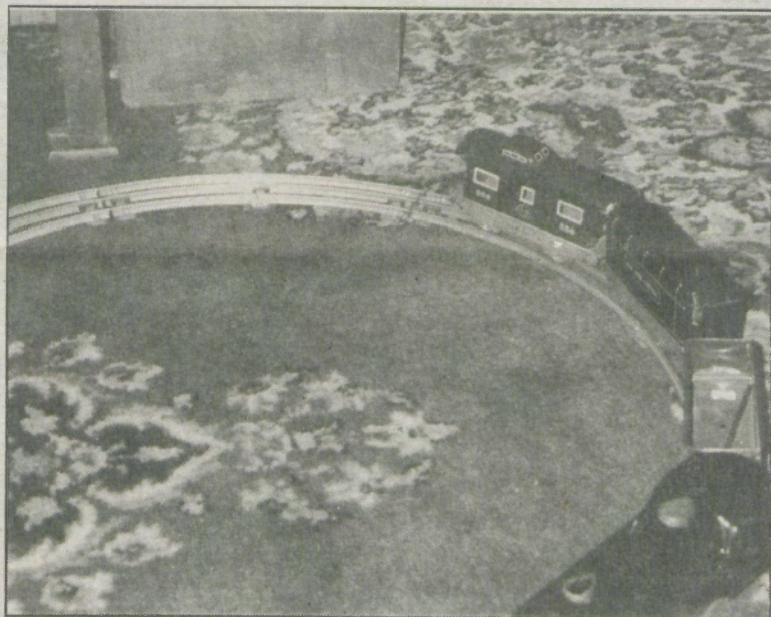
Planetarium Show At Science Center

The Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium Program presents "There's No Place Like Home" on Friday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. There is a fee. The planetarium is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

In the presentation "There's No Place Like Home," the audience follows the interplanetary Troubadour, who sings his way through the solar system. With

help from the Troubadour, the audience explores the major planets as well as little known byways of the solar system. In the end, they will discover that planet Earth is unique in many ways. This learning experience for the whole family is followed by a live presentation on the night sky.

For more information, call the Science Center at 301-918-8750.



Toy train donated by Lucille Howell now on display at the Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road. Open 1 - 5 every Sunday.

- photo by Sandra Lange

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1 to r: David S. Granite, MD; Sheila M. Addison, CRANP; Nancy English, CRFNP; Wing H. Tam, MD; Till Bergemann, MD

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A citizen reported being the victim of a strong arm robbery in the Beltway Plaza on Saturday, December 21, at 7:40 p.m. The victim advised that he was getting out of his vehicle and was approached by a man, who demanded money. The victim gave the man his "fanny pack" and the suspect fled on foot toward the area of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane.

The man is described as a black male in his early 20's, 6' 1" in height, 140 to 150 pounds in weight, wearing a black knit hat and a dark "puffy" style coat.

On Sunday evening, December 22, a disorderly man at Roosevelt Center was reported to have approached a group of juveniles, yelling and attempting to start a fight. After having been asked to leave by a police officer, the man, a 34 year old resident male, returned a short time later and was arrested and charged with trespassing. He was released on citation.

On Friday, December 20, a trespasser was reported at Beltway Plaza Mall, 6000 Greenbelt Road. The suspect had previously been banned from the Mall. A Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with trespass. She was released on citation pending trial.

Also on December 20, at 11:32 p.m., an officer responded to a report of a domestic argument taking place in the parking lot of the Beltway Plaza. While investigating the incident, two of the participants became disorderly causing a crowd of onlookers to gather. Two 17 year old nonresident youths were arrested and released to their parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Substation-East

The new Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day, but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number, 474-5454.

Patuxent Programs For January

January programs for the Patuxent Research Refuge-North Tract Visitor Contact Station are as follows:

Nature's Detective Hike for ages 8 and older with parent on January 19, 2-3 p.m. Dress for outdoors.

Our Feathered Friends for ages 4 to 8 accompanied with a parent on January 12, 10-11 a.m. Make a pine cone birdfeeder to take home.

Hide and Seek for ages 5 and older with parent on January 12 and 25, 2-3 p.m. Learn how animals use camouflage for protection.

Owl Prowl for ages 8 and older with parent on January 19, 5-7 p.m.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 507-6524. Callers may remain anonymous.

A disorderly person was reported on Saturday, December 21, at 7:45 p.m. at the Beltway Plaza. Responding officers found the subject and observed him shouting profanities, causing onlookers to gather. A 20 year old non-resident male was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was released under citation pending trial.

At 11:55 p.m. on the same day, a citizen reported being a victim of a pickpocket at the AMC 8 Theaters, 6000 Greenbelt Road. The victim's cellular telephone was removed from his jacket.

On Friday, December 20, a wallet was taken from an unattended purse in an office in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive.

At 2:45 p.m. that day, a theft was reported at a doctor's office in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive. Surgical tools and camera equipment were taken.

Burglaries

On Saturday, December 21, a burglary was reported at a business in the 100 block of Centerway. On Monday, December 23, a burglary was reported at a residence in the 6200 block of Springhill Court. The method of entry is unknown. Two televisions were taken. Another burglary was reported that day in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace where clothing and a watch were taken; the method of entry unknown.

On Monday, December 23, a burglary was reported at a residence in the 2 Court of Research Road. Entry was gained by cutting open a screen and breaking out the window. Jewelry was taken.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Greenbelt Road, Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt Metro Drive (2 incidents), and Springhill Lane.

Boys and Girls Club Ties up 1996 Year

An awards ceremony for the cheerleading, football and fall soccer programs of the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club was held on Sunday, November 24 at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Among those honored were the following:

The 14 and Under competition squad, who won first place in their division in the annual Prince George's County Cheerleading Competition on Sunday, November 17 at Cole Field House, College Park. The team also placed third in the Frederick Douglass Competition held on Saturday, November 23 at Frederick Douglass High School, Upper Marlboro. Squad members are: Tiffany Atkinson, Connie Bailey, Kristin Floyd, Charlene Gerring, Jessica House, Meghan Lloyd, Glenna Small, Vanessa Ugoala, Alexis Williamson-Sanders and Jennifer Willis. The coach is Ava Ramey. Team parents are Tammy House and Julie Sanders.

The 10 and Under Cheerleading Pom Pom squad, which won second place in the Prince George's County Cheerleading Competition and third place in the Frederick Douglass Competition. Squad members are: Cheri Bailey, Kimberly Carey, Rebecca Fletcher, Elizabeth Glenn, Stephanie Holland, Deysha Keith, Lisa McBride, Yonique McCalla, Cassie Schlosser, Jessica Teets, Brittany Westover and Candice Windsor. Commissioner and Coach is Marion Holland and the student assistant is Rachel Petty.

The Nine and Under Soccer team, coached by Ricardo Decca, which won their county division title. Members of the team are: Kevin Bailey, Greg Bistany, Colin Callahan, Michael Carey, Jesse Crowley, Marco Decca, Dante Doster, Shane Fendley, Tony Fendley, Jessica Foster, Nathaniel Glenn, Patrick Hindsley, Trevor Lyons, Andrew McLaughlin, Brett Rodman, Jessica Shaffer and Samuel Withers.

Special Awards

The Boys and Girls Club Adult Male Volunteer of the Year is Jesse Jones, and the Adult Female Volunteer of the Year is Annette Gonzalez. The Boy of the Year is Pete Campbell; the Girl of the Year is Connie Bailey. These four individuals will be honored at the Prince George's County Awards Ceremony in 1997.

The club's 1997 budget was passed at the December board meeting. Officers for the 1997 Board of Directors were elected on December 19: President, Margo Datcher; Vice President, James Green; Secretary, Marion Holland; Treasurer, Jeff Williams. Ava Ramey will return as Past President.

Commissioners for 1997 are: Baseball - Kelly Ivy, Sr.; Basketball, Ava Ramey; Cheerleading, Marion Holland; Football, James Green; Soccer, Jeff Williams; Softball, Pam Baker.

During the past year, the 1996 Board of Directors implemented the Family Involvement Program, All Sports Registration, and the Coach, Team, Player, and Volunteer Incentive program. Club Bylaws were also updated and passed by the club membership.



LoJack technician installs tracking system in Greenbelt Police cruiser.

Police Vehicles Get LoJack Car System

The City of Greenbelt has followed the lead of the State of Maryland, Prince George's County and several other local municipalities by joining forces with the LoJack Auto Recovery Network. Three LoJack tracking systems were recently installed in Greenbelt Police vehicles at no charge. LoJack is an auto theft recovery system operated by police that allows them to turn on a LoJack transmitter in a stolen car. Using the LoJack, police have an arrest record that is five times the national average for stolen cars.

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Winter Tree Hike At Patuxent Refuge

"Winter Tree Hike" is an after-school program for children ages 8 to 12 at Patuxent Research Refuge, Thursday, Jan. 9, from 4 to 5 p.m. Children should dress for being outdoors.

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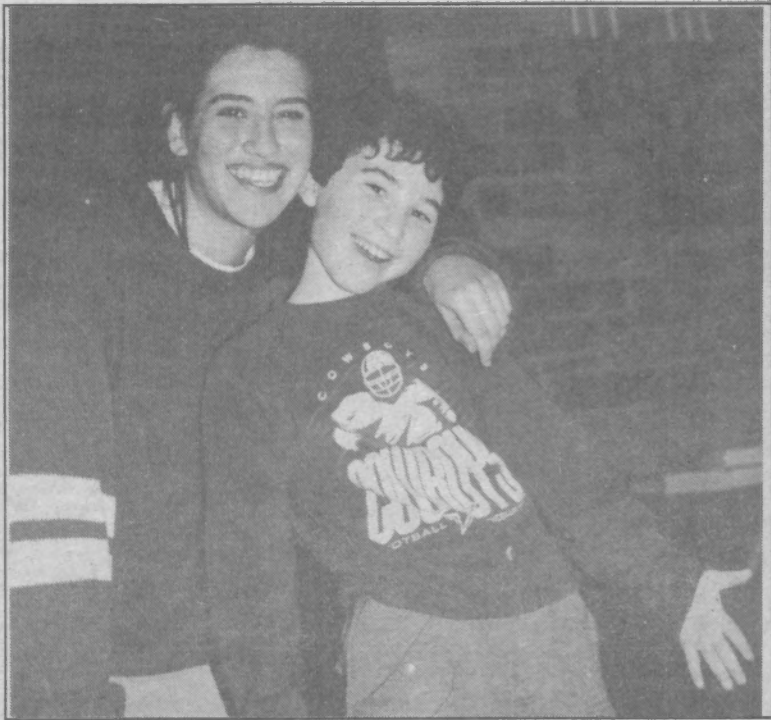
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Cafe Tzedakah Youth Chorus: (left to right) back row - Jane Schwartz, Daniel Schwartz, Robin Brooks, David Lemus, Rebecca Lemus, Ariela Haber. Front row - Alana Grife, Michaela Haber, Dina Goldberg-Strassler, Ethan Cowan.



MC's: Miriam Lemus, Ari Goldberg-Strassler

Stars of the Future At Cafe Tzedakah

by Judy Goldberg-Strassler
A magician, musicians, singers, comedian, dancers, and gymnasts brought cheers of "bravo" and loud applause at Mishkan Torah Synagogue's Cafe Tzedakah Saturday night, December 14. Cafe Tzedakah highlighted the "stars of the future." The fun was all to benefit the less fortunate. The admission of a non-perishable food item was collected for the Whitman-Walker Clinic. The basket for contributions passed around at intermission benefitted Yachad, a local Jewish organization involved in the housing of the homeless.

The young performers were as follows: Michaela and Ariela Haber played violins; multi-talented Ethan Cowan told jokes and played the recorder; Dena Kohn and Dina Goldberg-Strassler played recorder; Sandy Blackman, Stephen Brenner, Daniel Schwartz, David Lemus, Joel Oresky, and Evey Silverstein played piano; Jane Schwartz played the flute; Alana and Shira Grife displayed Olympian talent in their gymnastic programs; Eric Shansby drew oohs and "how'd he do that" with his sleight of hand; Jesse Goldberg-Strassler had everyone on their feet with his



Violinist: Michaela Haber



"Cafe Tzedakah Highlights Young Performers" Clarinetists: Andrew Shansby, Rebecca Lemus

trumpet; Robin Brooks and Rachel Oresky sang; and Rebecca Lemus and Andrew Shansby played duets of Klezmer tunes.

Miriam Lemus and Ari Goldberg-Strassler did a wonderful job of emceeing and clowning around as they introduced all of the talented performers. Sheila Lemus organized the children into an exciting program. The Cafe Tzedakah Youth Chorus made their rousing debut to open and close the evening.

It is with pride and love that we announce the retirement of Dr. Clayton McCarl, Sr. from our family dental practice. He and his wife Jane will miss all the relationships that have been built over 40 years of practice, but are ready to begin a new phase of life together.

It is difficult to measure a man's professional life just in terms of years of service and accolades, but we feel it would be appropriate to mention a few. Spanning the years from being a Greenbelt youth who met Eleanor Roosevelt, to devoted grandfather, he has been dedicated to various forms of public service.

Clayton Sr. graduated from the University of Maryland in 1952 and the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1956. He then joined his brother and father in dental practice in Greenbelt. Beginning in 1980, he welcomed his daughter Sally, his sons Clayton Jr., and Jay, and his nephew David into the dental practice.

His forty years of dentistry have been marked by a commitment to service. He has been the President of the University of Maryland Alumni Association, the Maryland State Dental Association, and various other professional groups and organizations. His career accomplishments have been recognized by his peers. He was the recipient of the lifetime achievement award by the Southern Maryland Dental Society and was elected to the American College of Dentists and to the International College of Dentists.

Perhaps more telling are the many volunteer positions he has held through the years: organizing the Fathers' Show at the elementary school fair; singing in a Barber shop Quartet at the Junior High Parents' Follies; having homecoming floats built in his garage; camping out over night with the kids for the school "Pig Roast," etc., etc., etc.

You could always tell when "Sr." was in the building by the laughter from him and his patients at the end of his hallway. How many people can say they enjoyed coming to work for forty years? He can.

The laughter will continue as Jane and Clayton are off together to fun destinations. When at home, they'll be busy with their many projects, activities and nine grandchildren.

The "younger generation" looks forward to providing Clayton Sr.'s personal patients with the same care and attention he did. Without you, the patients, none of this is possible. We wanted to share with you our fond memories as we thank a wonderful person for an outstanding professional career.

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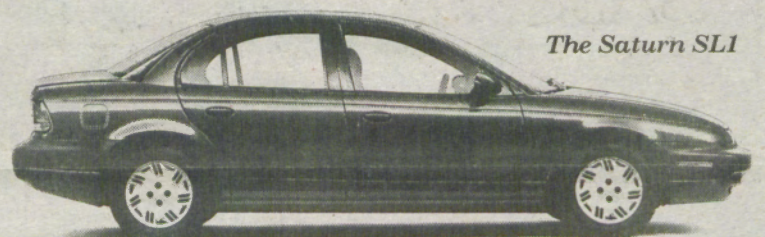
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Super Hs 4-H Club

by Diane Whaples, leader

The Super Hs 4-H Club, which meets in Greenbelt, is involved in many community service projects. This month the group made and served a meal for a group of homeless men at Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Greenbelt Road.

The members made two types of chili, corn muffins, salad and several desserts - thus incorporating the cooking skills they have acquired while working on foods and nutrition projects. Everyone enjoyed sitting down together and sharing the meal. Afterward the members, between the ages of 10 and 17, spent time chatting with their dinner guests and watching TV together.

Upcoming activities include a 1930s musical entertainment for the Greenbelt Nursing Home. The group meets monthly to work on projects and plan its program. New members are always welcome. Contact leader Diane Whaples for more information, 301-345-1679.



Amanda Tavel and Vache Blagmon, members of the Super Hs 4-H Club, make the salad for a group of homeless men.

City Notes

Four new trees were planted in Greenbelt East. Trees along Ridge Road were pruned. Wildflower areas in Greenspring Park were seeded. Liriope, azaleas, and rhododendrons were planted in a new flower bed at the Municipal Building. Dead and overhanging branches along a path on the backside of the lake were pruned. Leaves were collected from all scheduled neighborhoods and taken to College Park for composting. Drainage swale was constructed at the underpass near the red brick apartments.

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Gospel Singers Bring Holiday Spirit

by Konrad Herling

One of the area's best known gospel groups, the Mt. Nebo Gospel Singers will perform a gospel concert at the Greenbelt Arts Center, Saturday, January 4, at 8 PM. The Mt. Nebo Gospel Singers, who have been performing for 47 years, provided the first live performance in the Arts Center's current theater space in January 1994. The concert was attended by about 55 brave souls who came out in the midst of that winter's ice storms. Most, if not all, received the performance with great interest and enthusiasm. The program emphasized the cultural and historical aspects of the music, with particular emphasis on the music as it affected the religion and culture of Prince George's County. Tickets can be reserved by calling 441-8770.

A Delicious Meeting

The Greenbelt Home & Garden Club will start the New Year with "The Pampered Chef" on Thursday, January 9. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Elementary School Library.

After all the holiday cooking, be a pampered guest. See wonderful kitchen tools, learn time-saving cooking techniques, and sample great recipes. Bring a friend but be sure to make a reservation. Call Barbara Tanen at 301-345-8584.

Greenbelt CARES

Wendy Wexler interviewed students for her next Teen Discussion Group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School which will begin the first week in January. The guidance counselors have arranged for a portion of the open space in their office to be made into a conference room. That new room will be a dedicated space for the teen group sessions as well as put to use for ongoing guidance office meetings.

Essay Contest Open To High School Srs.

The Maryland Bankers Association, through its consumer information program, will again sponsor an annual essay contest with awards for winners at the county and state levels.

Open to high school seniors in both public and private schools, the contest will judge the best essays on the topic "How can a bank and I work together to help me prepare for the future?" Entrants may focus on career, financial, and/or educational goals. They may also interview bankers or community leaders for assistance.

Student submissions should be single-sided on letter size, white paper; the length, two-to-four pages, double spaced. Completed essays must be sent to the MBA office, P.O. Box 546, Annapolis, MD 21404-0546, postmarked by February 14, 1997.

Winners from each county and Baltimore City will re-

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by the county government. The county has proposed including in the plan the widening to four lanes of routes 450 and 197 and a new interchange on route 50, according to Scott.

ceive a \$200.00 savings bond. A best-in-state award of a \$1,000.00 scholarship will be provided by the Maryland Bankers Association.

Students interested in participating in the contest may obtain materials from their school, or they may call the Maryland Bankers Association at 410-269-5977.

Winter Woods Hike In Greenbelt Park

Discover the sights, sounds and signs of the wildlife in the winter forest on a winter woodland hike in Greenbelt Park Sunday, Jan. 5. To go on the hike meet the park ranger at the Dogwood Nature Trail entrance at 10 a.m.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tuesday, January 7, 1997
7:30 p.m.

GHI BOARD ROOM

Agenda:

GHI Investment Options-
Investment Counselors to Speak to
Board and Finance Committee

Executive Session - Personnel Matter



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION POINTS City of Greenbelt Public Works Department

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following areas beginning December 30, 1996 ending February 7, 1997.

- GHI 73 Court Ridge Road — Playground opposite Plateau Place & Ridge Road — Corner on playground side
- Research Road & Hillside Road — Corner
- Eastway Road & Crescent Road — Corner
- 21 Court Ridge Road — Across from Green Ridge House
- Crescent Road & Ridge Road — Playground at junction
- Parkway Road — Corner across from Community Church
- Corner across from 58 Court Crescent Road
- 7 Court Southway Road — Playground at Little League Field
- 11 Court & 13 Court Ridge Road — Park area between courts
- BOXWOOD Ivy and Lastner Lane — Playground
- LAKEWOOD Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)
- CHARLESTOWNE VILLAGE & CHARLESTOWNE NORTH Adjacent to Attick Park
- UNIVERSITY SQUARE Front of swimming pool
- LAKESIDE NORTH Near swimming pool
- SPRINGHILL LAKE Community Building
- GREENBRIAR Between buildings 7708 & 7710 Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 7728 & 7730 Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 7826 & 7828 Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 8003 & 8009 Mandan Road
- GLEN OAKS Between buildings 7903 & 7905 Mandan Road
- Between buildings 7509 & 7511 Mandan Road
- HUNTING RIDGE Between buildings 6936 & 6978 Hanover Parkway
- WINDSOR GREEN Court entrances (Picked up by Windsor Green Staff)
- GREENBROOK VILLAGE & ESTATES
- Southeast corner of Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Drive
- Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive
- In front of barricade at Mandan Road & Mathew Street
- GREENWOOD VILLAGE Opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace
- Opposite 7646 Mandan Road
- Opposite 7648 Mandan Road
- GREENSPRING Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Graddock Road
- Park area between 7926 & 8006 Greenbury Drive
- Corner of Spring Manor Dr. and Springshire Way.
- Open area between 6519 & 6515 Springcrest Dr.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI Board of Directors
Thursday, January 9, 1997
7:30 p.m.
GHI Board Room

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Resolution-Expenditure Authorization #1-1997
Second Reading Action
- Third Quarter - Financial Statements Discussion
- Report From Committee or Committees Discussion
- Fees Deferral Programs Discussion

Board meetings are open to members.